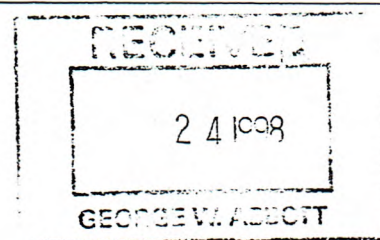


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Re: Gerald Armstrong v. Church of Scientology, et al.
Our File No. 13860-0001

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Now that the magistrate judge has reaffirmed that Mr. Armstrong must appear for his deposition on Monday, August 24, 1998, we request that you confirm immediately that Mr. Armstrong, in fact, will appear and present himself for deposition on that date. Lead counsel for CSI and RTC have made plans to travel to Reno from out of state this weekend in order to prepare for and conduct the deposition. This will incur considerable amounts of fees and expenses for the defendants. If Mr. Armstrong does not appear, we will seek not only dismissal of the action, but sanctions including such fees and expenses.

Once again, we request that you dismiss this action forthwith, thereby making it unnecessary for the defendant to incur increasing fees and costs to defend this action. You certainly must be aware by now -- even if you were not previously aware -- that Mr. Armstrong cannot establish permanent domicile in Nevada in November 1997, or for that matter at any time. Accordingly, it is incumbent upon you as an officer of the court to withdraw this case.

We request that you inform us by 3:00 p.m. this afternoon that you have voluntarily dismissed this action. In the alternative, please confirm to us by that time that Mr. Armstrong will appear for deposition at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 24, 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. Patrick Flanagan".

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